(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6256/94)

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

(I) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, 1994.

(II) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 5 Bill, 1994.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

(I)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, 1994, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 16th August, 1994.

2. The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

(II)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (Railways) No. 5 Bill, 1994, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 16th August, 1994.

2. The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

Madam, I lay a copy of each of the Bills on the Table.

REFERENCES

Indenting of Medicines prescribed by specialists in the C.G.H.S. Despensaries

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to make an announcement....

(Interruptions)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam, both the Health Ministers are here. Madam, yesterday, I raised an issue. Madam, in Delhi, the Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries are not giving medicines prescribed by the specialists. And if you want the medicines, you have to buy, and they do not indent them. So far, if the medicines were not available in the dispensary, they were indenting and giving the medicines to the patients. Now, they have stopped it for the last one month. And what will happen to Class-IV employees who have got heart trouble, etc.? And reimbursement takes one year. So, I would like the Minister to assure this House that whatever medicine is not available, the dispensary will indent it and give it to the patients. I want the Government to give directions because this has been stopped since only last month.

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू (बिहार): मैडम, यह बहुत ही अहम सवाल है। यह हमारी एनेस्की का जो दवाखाना है उसकी हालत बहुत बद्तर हो रही है और मैं मंत्री महोदय का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहूंगा कि वहां दवा नहीं, डाक्टर मिलते नही हैं और सारी व्यवस्था वहां की अव्यवस्थित हो गई है। इतनी कुव्यवस्था जो वहां है, उसके ऊपर अगर मंत्री महोदय ध्यान नहीं देंगे तो मैं कहूंगा कि उसको बंद कर दें तो ज्यादा अच्छा है ताकि हम लोग और यहां के एम्प्लाइज़ जो हैं वे बाजार से दवा खरीदें और खाएं।

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): Madam, it is not...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Iqbal Singh also has something to say on this उनको भी सुन लीजिए, कोई समस्या होगी।

SHRI IQBAL SINGH (Punjab): Madam, I am thankful to you for this.

मैडम, मैं मंत्री जी को यह बताना चाहता हूं कि पिछले दिनों मुझे मेडिसिन की और कुछ हेल्प की जरूरत पड़ गई और यहां से मुझे "लोहिया अस्पताल" में जाना पड़ा। उसमें हालत बहुत खराब है, वहां पर दो-दो सौ पेशेंट्स की लाइन लगी हुई है, कोई बैठने की जगह नहीं है, मेडिसिन बिल्कुल नहीं है और बरामदे में जब हम वहां से गुजरते हैं तो वहां दोनों तरफ एयर-कंडिशनर लगे हुए हैं, डाक्टर के लिए तो ठीक है अंदर एयर-कंडिशनर लगा होना चाहिए, लेकिन पब्लिक की वहां पर इतनी बुरी हालत है कि...(**व्यवधान**)...

कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे: कौन से हॉस्पिटल में?

उपसभापति: डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया अस्पताल में।

श्री इकबाल सिंह: डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया अस्पताल में, यहां पर जो बुरी हालत है वह देखने वाली है और जो अभी साहू जी बोल रहे थे, यह बिल्कुल ठीक कह रहे थे, मैं इसके साथ कहना चाहता हूं कि यहां पर बहुत बुरी हालत है, इस पर तुरंत ध्यान दिया जाना चाहिए, यहां पर कोई इंतजाम नहीं है, जब पिछले दिनों इमरजेंसी में मुझे जरूरत पड़ गई तो वहां कोई व्यवस्था नहीं थी, किसी ढंग से भी कोई डाक्टर अवेलेबल नहीं था और कोई मेडिसिन अवेलेबल नहीं थी और मैंने स्पेशली कहा एक "बरालगन" का इंजेक्शन, इवन वह "बरालगन" का इंजेक्शन भी अवेलेबल नहीं था।

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): Madam, often, the medicine supplied by the Government is substandard because, I think, they get it lumpsum from the contractors. And if you take this medicine, there is no effect. I would suggest that the Government should buy the medicines from the open market and supply them to the patients.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, this matter was raised in the House...

SHRI BALBIR SINGH (Punjab): This is the consensus of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is what I am saying. Yesterday, every Member of this House mentioned this. And I am sure those who are not present also would have raised it at other forums since they were not here. They said that these medicines were not available. They were not understanding why the Government had sent such a circular that people could buy the medicines and that the amount would be reimbursed. I do not understand the logic behind it. The point is, the facilities which are available should be augmented. Instead of that, they have reduced the facilities.

Mr. Iqbal Singh has said. Mr. Sahu has also said. This is the reason why I feel the doctors are leaving. They are not staying because the conditions are not proper, because they have to work. I read in the newspapers sometime ago. By some mistake or some mix-up or whatever it was, they operated upon the wrong woman at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences. It is a very serious matter that you operate upon a person who does not have cancer. It is a very serious matter. I think you must make enquiries about such happenings. We have a doctor himself as one of the Ministers in charge of Health. Three Ministers are there. Please take care.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR: Madam, I appreciate the concern expressed by the hon. Members of the House.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): And by the Chair.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR: And by the Chair. Madam, all efforts are made from our side to augment the facilities.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: No (*Interruptions*) That is my charge. Whatever was there has been withdrawn.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He said: 'All efforts are made'. I would like to correct him. Mr. Minister, you should say: 'All efforts will be made'. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Madam, the House Committee should visit these hospitals.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANS-

PORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Madam, this is a very good suggestion.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR: Madam, there is a standard procedure laid down for the dispensaries to get these medicines. There is also an arrangement made to get the medicines prescribed by specialists. I share the concern expressed by hon. Members. We would look into it.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: The House Committee should visit these hospitals. Mr. Rajni Ranjan Sahu has given a very good suggestion. (*Interruptions*) Let them say. It is a very important thing. This concerns Delhi. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Minister, why don't you give a commitment? (*Interruptions*) I am requesting you, Mr. Minister. You must look into the condition of the dispensaries in Delhi (*Interruptions*)

SHRI R.K. DHAWAN (Andhra Pradesh): The House Committee should visit.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: What is wrong in the House Committee visiting the hospitals in Delhi?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Upendra wants to say something.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR: Madam, our Ministry would be guided by the wish of the House. As they desire, definitely, we will try to do our best.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Upendra has a suggestion.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, the Standing Committee of Parliament on Human Resource Development which is covering the Health Ministry also, has decided to take up the functioning of Central Government hospitals for a special study very shortly. We are going to visit all the local hospitals and see the conditions there.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have another thing to point out. In Delhi, there are no dispensaries or medical shops which are open twenty-four hours, except one or two. It is very difficult for people. I found it difficult when I came from Bombay. There are no shops which are open, area-wise, for the purpose of overnight dispensing. Please consider this. Please take care and improve.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Thank you, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has given a suggestion. He will do it, I am sure.

I have an announcement to make before I ask Members to raise their issues.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a telegram has been received from Shri Vizol stating that he has been hospitalised on account of malarial fever and is still convalescing from illness. He is unable to attend the House during the current Session. He has, therefore, requested Leave of Absence from all sittings of the House during the current Session.

It is pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri Vizol for remaining absent from all the sittings of the House during the current Session?

(No hon. Member dissented)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I have a request. Mr. Vizol has been suffering from a long time. I do not know what are the facilities available in Kohima. I would request the hon. Minister of Health to find out. If necessary, he should be brought to Delhi, to the All India Institutute of Medical Sciences, and given proper treatment here.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): He won't get better treatment.